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## **Sen. Rodríguez and Equality Texas to host press conference about transgender Texans**

**El Paso**— Sen. Rodríguez, El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar, and Equality Texas, a statewide organization that works to secure full equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Texans, will co-host a press conference today to discuss two informational events hosted in El Paso yesterday: a workshop on transgender healthcare, and a community forum on issues facing the larger LGBTQ community.

Yesterday's events were sponsored by Equality Texas; the Office of Texas State Senator José Rodríguez; the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Global Health; Mano y Corazón Multicultural Health Care Solutions, an organization founded out of Sen. Rodríguez's healthcare district advisory committee which hosts ongoing culturally-appropriate training for healthcare professionals; BorderRAC, an approved continuing education provider; The Purple Pages of El Paso; El Paso Sun City Pride; Texas Freedom Network; and Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity.

- **What:** Press Conference
- **When:** 1 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2016
- **Where:** Office of Texas State Senator José Rodríguez (100 N Ochoa St. Suite A El Paso, TX 79901)

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*José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Education; Health and Human Services; Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; Nominations; and Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs.*